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SUBJECT: W/W PAUL R. LEVIN: REQUEST FOR HEW ASSISTANCE

REF: MADRID 4911

1. MR. AND MRS. RALPH LEVIN HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HEW PLANESIDE AID (MEET AND ASSIST) IN U.S. WHEN THEY ARRIVE WITH THEIR SON, PAUL LEVIN, WHO SUFFERING FROM PARALYSIS.

2. PAUL LEVIN WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN MADRID STREET NIGHT OF JUNE 22, 1976. LOCAL POLICE BROUGHT HIM TO BRITISH AMERICAN HOSPITAL MADRID AND LATER DIAGNOSIS INDICATED HE SUFFERED BLOW ON BACK OF HEAD WHICH CAUSED UNCONSCIOUS STATE AND PARALYSIS. MR. LEVIN HAS PREVIOUS MEDICAL HISTORY OF HYDRO CEPHALIC CONDITION. INITIAL PROGNOSIS WHEN HOSPITALIZED HERE WAS VERY GRAVE, HOWEVER, ATTENDING PHYSICIAN STATES LEVIN, WHOSE CONDITION NOW DIAGNOSED AS "PARIETAL FRACTURE WITH HEMA PARALYSIS". MOTOR POWER LOSS OF LEFT SIDE OF BODY", MAY NOW TRAVEL AND PARENTS WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO U.S. FOR TREATMENT AT WESLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CHICAGO.

3. LEVIN WAS INJURED ON SAME DATE AND FOUND IN SAME GENERAL AREA DOWNTOWN MADRID WHERE LARGE POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE EVENING OF JUNE 22. LEVIN IS

NOT YET FULLY COHERENT AND CANNOT REMEMBER EVENTS OF THAT EVENING. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT HE WAS A CURIOUS SIGHTSEER IN LARGE, UNDISCIPLINED CROWD AND WAS PUSHED OR THROWN TO GROUND AND INJURED. IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE THAT HE MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY RECEIVED A BLOW FROM LOCAL POLICE AS THEY MOVED TO BREAK UP SOME OF THE MORE UNRULY ELEMENTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. POLICE REPORT OF LEVIN PICKUP SIMPLY STATES HE WAS FOUND LYING ON GROUND UNCONSCIOUS AT 8 P.M. EVENING JUNE 22, WAS TAKEN TO THE CENTRAL DISPENSARY (CASA DE SOCORRO) FOR DIAGNOSIS, WAS THEN TAKEN TO FRANCISCO FRANCO HOSPITAL FOR INTENSIVE CARE, BUT AS HOSPITAL HAD NO BED HE LATER TRANSPORTED TO BRITISH AMERICAN HOSPITAL. EMBASSY HAS PASSED ALL FOREGOING INFORMATION TO LEVIN'S PARENTS.

4. PAUL LEVIN AND PARENTS ETA NEW YORK ON TWA FLIGHT 903 ON JULY 11 AT 15:15. REQUEST HEW MEET AND ASSIST WITH CONNECTING FLIGHT ETD 17:54 SAME DAY ON TWA 289 WITH ETA CHICAGO 19:20. LEVINS HAVE ALSO REQUESTED HEW ASSISTANCE ON ARRIVAL CHICAGO AND REQUEST HEW COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, MARY LEVIN, TELEPHONE (815) 568-7489-HOME, OR 568-7731-OFFICE REGARDING TRANSPORT PAUL LEVIN FROM O'HARE AIRPORT TO WESLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CHICAGO.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM SOONEST HEW AID FOR LEVINS AT JFK AND O'HARE.  
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